

MEETING FOR CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES IN ST. LUCIA: MAY 15th – 19th, 2023

AGENDA

SECTION: MONITORING NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES IN THE CARIBBEAN: MAY 18th – 19th, 2023

BACKGROUND

In response to the growing burden of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) and their risk factors (RFs), global and regional commitments have been made over the past two decades, which have raised the profile of NCDs and their RFs on health, social protection, and economic development agendas.

The landmark 2007 Port of Spain Declaration of CARICOM was a crucial step towards the United Nations High Level Meeting on NCDs (UNHLM) and its political declaration in 2011, highlighting the leadership of the Caribbean in advancing the NCD agenda. The need to strengthen countries' capacity on NCDs and risk factors surveillance was also highlighted.

The Port of Spain Declaration and UNHLM political declaration led to the development of efforts to respond to the NCD burden, including the endorsement of the Global and Regional commitments for the Prevention and Control of NCDs^{1,2,3}, especially the recently approved Roadmap on NCDs 2023-2030 at the World Health Assembly⁴. Furthermore, WHO has developed a Global Monitoring Framework (GMF) comprised of nine voluntary targets and 25 indicators to enable global tracking of progress on NCDs/RFs⁵.

In 2015, world leaders formally adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the United Nations and NCDs were included as one of the development goals⁶ and in 2017 WHO launched a

¹ World Health Organization (WHO). Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of NCDs 2013-2020. Geneva: WHO; 2013. Available from: <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789241506236>

² Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). Plan of Action for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases in the Americas 2013-2019. Washington, D.C.: PAHO; 2014. Available from: <https://iris.paho.org/handle/10665.2/35009>

³ United Nations (UN). Outcome document of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Comprehensive Review and Assessment of the Progress Achieved in the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases. New York: UN; 2014. Available from: <https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/774662>

⁴ WHO Discussion Paper on the development of an implementation roadmap 2023-2030 for the WHO Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of NCDs 2023-2030. Available at <https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/implementation-roadmap-2023-2030-for-the-who-global-action-plan-for-the-prevention-and-control-of-ncds-2023-2030>

⁵ Noncommunicable Diseases Global Monitoring Framework: Indicator Definitions and Specifications. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2014. Available from <https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/noncommunicable-diseases-global-monitoring-framework-indicator-definitions-and-specifications>

⁶ United Nations. Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: United Nations. Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Sustainable Development. Available from: <https://sdgs.un.org/2030agenda>

guideline on ethical issues in public health surveillance as the foundation for programs to promote human well-being at the population level⁷.

A set of effective policies and interventions were developed to help countries tackle the four main NCDs and their major risk factors responsible for most of the premature deaths in the Caribbean. These include standards and tools for prevention, detection, and screening, along with treatment and palliative care as indicated in the NCDs technical packages to guide on the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and control on NCDs.

To monitor the implementation of the healthcare service technical packages a NCD facility-based guidance for NCD patient and programme monitoring were launched in 2022, with a framework with a set of relevant, valid, and feasible standardized indicators to guide recording and reporting of health services data at the primary care level⁸. In line with this progress PAHO/WHO launched in the same year the “All-in-One” platform seeking improvement of the quality of care and promoting the production of information through electronic healthcare system to monitor NCDs.

Despite all these efforts the progress toward the SDG 3.4 target has been slow. The NCD progress indicator scorecard highlights the country's capacity for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) and the progress achieved in the implementation of a set of policies and interventions. However, NCD Progress Monitor Indicators measured across all countries in the Region of the Americas shows that the Caribbean Countries are behind especially as it relates to Indicator ¹ which is specifically for countries to set time-bound national targets and indicators based on PAHO/WHO guidance.

The timely measurement and reporting of these monitoring frameworks approved by Member States require a surveillance system that can produce and analyze data in a systematic, periodic, standardized, and sustainable manner. Moreover, there is a need to link NCDs/RFs surveillance to decision-making to support planning, monitoring, and evaluation of the healthcare system response, policies, legislation, and programs related to NCDs/RFs.

AIM

The purpose of this one day and half section of the workshop for Caribbean Countries is to strengthen national capacity on surveillance to monitor NCDs.

⁷ WHO guidelines on ethical issues in public health surveillance. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2017. Licence: CC BY-NC-SA 3.0 IGO. Available from <https://www.who.int/publications/item/who-guidelines-on-ethical-issues-in-public-health-surveillance>

⁸ WHO Noncommunicable Disease facility-based monitoring guidance; framework, indicators and application; 2022. Available at: <https://www.who.int/publications/item/9789240057067>

OBJECTIVES

1. To review the Monitoring Framework for NCDs and identify targets and indicators to develop a national monitoring framework for NCDs.
2. To review the tools available to monitor NCDs at the Healthcare Facilities – Primary Care Level.
3. To review and identify national capacity to monitor NCDs at the Primary Care Level and promote the exchange of experiences among countries and participants.
4. To identify strategies to improve countries' capacity to monitor NCDs.

MEETING FORMAT

The workshop will focus on three main areas: 1) Monitoring Tools, 2) Current status and exchange of experiences, and 3) identification of strategies to improve national capacity to monitor NCDs. The workshop will be held over one day and half and there will be presentations on thematic areas, presentations on countries status, plenary sessions, and group discussions to identify strategies to improve national capacity.

Facilitators from PAHO ECC, subregional office, WHO and PAHO/Headquarters, Washington DC.

PRE-MEETING TASKS

1. Each country should submit the names of delegates as requested in the invitation.
2. Each country should prepare a presentation on their capacity to monitor NCDs based on the GMF Indicators, and the information collected at the Primary Health Care Level/Healthcare Facility Level. A template will be shared with participants.
3. Countries that have a paper-based form should bring it to the workshop.
4. If a country has an electronic health record, we would appreciate provision of the information related to type of recording system in place and the data related with NCDs that is collected through Electronic Form or paper based.
5. Countries should have also mapped all the population-based surveys related to NCDs conducted.

EXPECTED RESULTS

1. Information for the development of the National Monitoring Framework for NCDs reviewed and identified.
2. The NCDs Healthcare Facilities Indicators for Primary Care Level reviewed to be implemented at the country level.
3. National capacity to monitor NCDs reviewed, and strategies identified to improve countries capacity to monitor NCDs.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

Each country will select three representatives and two from the UK Overseas Territories:

1. The Ministry of Health NCD coordinator or focal point.
2. A person who is in charge of the health care centre level or is responsible for leading clinical pathway development including the healthcare information system.
3. Epidemiologist or surveillance officer

List of countries that will participate in the workshop (15 countries): Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Montserrat, Trinidad and Tobago, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

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DAY 1: May 18, 2023**Session 1: Tools available to monitor NCDs**

1.30pm-2.00pm	Registration	
2.00pm-2.10pm	Welcome and opening remarks	PAHO/MoH
2.10pm-2.30pm	Participants' introductions	T. Malcom PAHO/ECC
2.30pm-2.40pm	Objectives of the meeting and review of the agenda	T. Malcom PAHO/ECC
2.40pm-3.00pm	The NCD Roadmap 2023-2030 for the Global Action Plan on the Prevention and Control of NCDs 2013-2030.	R. Caixeta PAHO/ECC
3.00pm-3.20pm	Coffee break	
3.00pm-3.20am	WHO tools to monitor NCDs at the Healthcare Facility (online)	Farzadfar, F WHO
3.20pm-3.40pm	The importance of data from the Healthcare facility	R. Caixeta
3.40pm-4.00pm	PAHO All in One Health Platform	R. Caixeta
4.00pm-4.30pm	Questions and Answers	All
4:30pm-5.00pm	Closure	T. Malcom

DAY 2: May 19, 2023**Session 2: Exchanging experiences – Facilitator Roberta Caixeta**

9.00am-10.20am	Countries Presentations: Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Bermuda, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada	Country Representatives
10.20am-10.30am	Questions and answers Moderator: R. Caixeta	All
10.30am-10.50am	Coffee break	
10.50am-12.10pm	Countries Presentations: Guyana, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Montserrat, Trinidad and Tobago, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname	Country Representatives
12:10pm- 12.30pm	Questions and answers Moderator: T. Malcom	All
12.30pm-1.30pm	Lunch	
Session 3: The way forward – Defining the next steps		
1.30pm-3.00pm	Plenary session: Challenges and Opportunities Moderatos: R. Caixeta, T. Malcom	All
3.00pm-3.20pm	Coffee break	
3.20pm-4.pm	Next steps Moderator: R. Caixeta	All
:4.40pm-5.00pm	Closure	C. Shana; T. Malcom; R. Caixeta